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THE

Sixty-Eighth Annual Report

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

COUNTY AND CITY OF WORCESTER MENTAL HOSPITAL,

Presented to the County Council of the County of Worcester and to the Town Council of the City of Worcester, pursuant to the 190*th Section of the Lunacy Act*, 1890.

1.—We herewith submit our Report on the management of Powick Mental Hospital for the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

2.—The only changes in the constitution of the Committee since our last Report are that Mr. H. Tresyllian Williams takes the place of Major Galton, who retired in March, 1920, and that the Mayor of Worcester (Mr. Chas. Edwards) has been appointed one of the City Representatives in succession to Mr. John Stallard.

3.—The Medical Staff remains practically the same, with the exception of the 3rd Assistant Medical Officer, which Office has not yet been permanently filled. We are, however, about to lose the services of our Senior Assistant Medical Officer (Dr. Jones), he having secured another appointment. Dr. Fenton has discharged his duties to our complete satisfaction.

4.—The usual monthly and 3 Special Meetings of the Committee and the bi-monthly Meetings of the House Com-

mittee have been held. The following is a Table of attendances :—

Name of Member.	Attendances at Meetings of Committee of Visitors.	Attendances at House Committee Meetings.
C. Pelham Lane, Esq. (Chairman)	14	6
J. W. Willis Bund, Esq.	8	3
Viscount Deerhurst	3	2
H. E. Dixey, Esq., M.D.	12	5
W. H. Gabb, Esq.	8	4
Major H. G. H. Galton	1	0
G. B. Game, Esq.	4	2
E. T. Moule, Esq.	9	5
H. E. Purkis, Esq.	12	5
T. L. Walker, Esq.	9	4
G. E. Wilson, Esq.	9	2
John Stallard, Esq.	2	2
W. H. Kershaw, Esq.	12	6
A. H. Parker Esq.	2	2
F. A. W. Simes, Esq.	1	0

The Engineering, Agricultural and Wages Sub-Committees have also met from time to time.

5.—Two Commissioners of the Board of Control visited the Hospital on the 18th May, 1920, and we append a copy of their Report. We have instructed the Medical Superintendent to carry out the recommendations of the Commissioners as far as practicable.

6.—We have been unable up to the present to reduce the rate of maintenance of Patients, which remains the same as last year, viz., 28/- per head per week for Patients chargeable to the Unions in the County and City of Worcester, 30/- per head per week for Private Patients, and for out-County Patients (excluding those received under Contract from other Mental Hospitals) 30/- per head per week, and for those received under Contract from other Mental Hospitals 29/9 and 30/11 per head per week.

7.—During the year we have conveyed to Lord Coventry certain pieces of land in exchange for other pieces entirely surrounded by land adjoining to the Hospital, Lord Coventry paying for equality of exchange the sum of £15 8s. 4d., which amount has been applied in defraying the costs relating to the transaction.

8.—Raymond Sollars, Painter, died while in the service of the Hospital, after serving 27 years, and we granted to his Widow a gratuity of £103 12s. 7d. under Sections 4 and 16 of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act.

9.—Mr. Martin, Chief Male Nurse, resigned in August last, after 36 years' service, on a pension of £106 12s. 6d., under the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act, and we granted him a Silver Medal in recognition of his services.

10.—Deputations from the various Boards of Guardians have visited the Hospital and reported favourably upon the management.

11.—The Accounts have been audited by the District Auditor of the Ministry of Health and we append a copy of his Report.

12.—An outbreak of Enteric Fever occurred in and about the Hospital in the month of October last. The Medical Superintendent took immediate steps to prevent the spread of the disease, which we are pleased to report has been arrested. We had the water (which is obtained from Carey's Brook) analysed by the County Analyst. Mr. Willcox, C.E., also inspected and reported. The matter was also investigated by the Board of Control and the Ministry of Health. Their Reports have not yet been received, and until this takes place we are unable to consider the future water supply of the Asylum.

13.—The following Table shows the number of Patients in the Hospital at the last Meeting of the House Committee in each of the following years :—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
March 1916 ...	602 ...	725 ...	1,327
,, 1917 ...	575 ...	687 ...	1,262
,, 1918 ...	423 ...	585 ...	1,008
,, 1919 ...	364 ...	493 ...	857
,, 1920 ...	386 ...	534 ...	920
,, 1921 ...	399 ...	552 ...	951

The numbers for 1916 include 13 from Hereford, 76 from Montgomery, 259 from Birmingham, 46 from Northampton.

Those for 1917 include 13 from Hereford, 69 from Montgomery, 249 from Birmingham, 37 from Northampton.

Those for 1918 include 13 from Hereford, 54 from Montgomery, 176 from Birmingham, 22 from Northampton.

Those for 1919 include 13 from Hereford, 51 from Montgomery, 154 from Birmingham, 20 from Northampton.

Those for 1920 include 44 from Montgomery, 151 from Birmingham.

Those for 1921 include 41 from Montgomery, 119 from Birmingham, 44 from Oxford.

Thirty Male Patients received from Rubery Hill to release that Hospital for the purposes of a War Hospital have now been re-transferred to that Hospital; 39 Female Patients from that Institution still remain here.

An Agreement has been entered into for the reception of 50 Male and 34 Female Patients from Littlemore Hospital.

The Agreement with the Birmingham Asylums Committee has been renewed, the charge for Patients being 29/9 per head.

The Agreement with the Montgomery Lunacy Committee has been terminated under notice from that Authority.

14.—We append the following :—

(i.) Chaplain's Report.

(ii.) R.C. Chaplain's Report.

(iii.) Report of Board of Control.

(iv.) Report of District Auditor.

C. PELHAM LANE,

CHAIRMAN.

9th May, 1921.

[Schedule I.].

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

The County and City Mental Hospital,
Powick,
Worcester.
March 31st, 1921.

To the Committee of Visitors.

Mr. Chairman, My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Sixth Annual Report as Chaplain of the Institution.

There is very little difference from year to year in the character of the Chaplain's work, but there is often much encouragement as one visits the Patients, whether in the Wards, Shops, or Grounds. The more they are known, the more friendly do they become, and I always find a readiness to speak to me of their personal difficulties. From letters occasionally received great appreciation is shown of the ministry exercised on their behalf.

The sick and dying have the greatest attention paid to them, and I am thankful to record that I have been privileged on several occasions to administer the Holy Communion in the Sick Wards.

The Services in the Chapel are always of a very reverent character, and whilst we miss the leadership of Mr. Martin, our late Choirmaster, there has nevertheless been a desire on the part of all the members of our Choir to do their best, and assist Miss Holloway, who has undertaken the training of the Choir in conjunction with her duties as Organist A deep debt of gratitude is due to them for their labours.

The special courses of sermons preached during Advent and Lent were much appreciated.

The Holy Communion is administered once a month for the Patients, and twice for the Staff. On Easter Day the attendance was 110, and during the year 760.

The Thanksgiving Service for the blessings of Harvest was held on Sunday, October 10th, when the Sermon was preached by the Rev. G. K. Green, Vicar of Malvern Wells.

During the past year there have been 28 interments in the Cemetery.

The number of books issued from the Library has been 710, but the number of readers is considerably larger, as the books issued are often passed around the Wards.

In conclusion, I take the opportunity of thanking the Superintendent, Officers and Staff generally for their sympathy and help in my work.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. RIDLER,

CHAPLAIN.

[Schedule II.].

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Stanbrook Presbytery,
Worcester.
March 29th, 1921.

To the Chairman and Visiting Committee of the County and City Mental Hospital.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Report for the past year.

Every Sunday morning a Service for the Patients has been held. As a rule the time of the Service has been 11.45, but on the second Sunday of each month, instead, I have celebrated Mass at 8 o'clock.

There has been a general Holy Communion about four times during the year, and those who were capable of receiving were prepared the day before.

During each week I have visited the Male and Female Wards alternately, and also attended any sick there may have been. There have not been many special sick calls this year.

I desire to thank the Medical Superintendent, the Medical Staff and all the other officials of the Hospital for their constant courtesy and kindly assistance.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
P. LAWRENCE BUGGINS,
Roman Catholic Chaplain.

[Schedule III.].

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

Worcester Asylum,
Powick,
May 18th, 1920.

We have to-day visited this Asylum.

Dr. Braine-Hartnell, who has been Medical Superintendent for the last 22 years and who has, during the years of the War with a depleted Staff and a great deal of sickness among the Patients, had a very difficult task in carrying on the administration of the Institution, has now retired. On behalf of the Board of Control we desire to express the hope that he may have before him many years of health to enjoy his well earned leisure. Dr. Fenton, who has been Senior Assistant Medical Officer here for some years, has been appointed to succeed him in the position of Medical Superintendent and has entered upon his duties, though his official appointment does not actually take place till the beginning of next month.

We have found the general condition of the Asylum very satisfactory at our visit to-day. The Wards and Dormitories are very well kept; the former, even the oldest of them, presented a comfortable and homely appearance, being abundantly supplied with flowers, birds and other objects to interest and amuse their occupants. The beds and bedding were in excellent condition.

The Patients seemed to be fairly contented; we had numerous appeals for discharge and some complaints on the subject of food, but nothing in any way suggesting anything but kindly and considerate treatment on the part of the Medical and Nursing Staff.

The dress and personal appearance of the Patients was creditable, especially on the Female side, while there was very little noisy excitement in the Wards.

The changes among the Patients since the last visit of Commissioners, which took place in July last, are :—

	M.	F.	T.
Admissions	76	119	195
Discharges or Removals	37	47	84
,, upon Recovery ...	15	24	39
Deaths	22	21	43

There are now on the Statutory Books 922 Patients, in the proportion of 383 Males to 539 Females, two of each sex being absent on trial. On pre-war standards there are vacancies for 146 on the Male and 83 on the Female side, but as at the present time, M.W. 10, and F.W. 12, both of these Wards capable of accommodating 60 Patients, are now utilised for the segregation of Tuberculous Patients, 14 Males and 28 Females only being at present housed there, which for the time cause some consequential loss of sleeping accommodation.

In addition to 16 Patients classed as Private, there are 25 Service Patients ; we paid special attention to these cases and, though on the whole we were satisfied with the conditions in which they were living, we were sorry to find that very few of them are in receipt of the special allowance of 2/6 a week arranged for the purpose of supplying them with small extra comforts. Several of the men spoke to us on this matter, and we trust that in future all who are capable of appreciating this privilege will be allowed the money each week or its equivalent in kind.

The Out-County Patients comprise 44 Patients received under contract from Montgomery, 80 from Birmingham Asylums Committee, and 71 from the Rubery Hill Asylum.

In January of the present year contracts were approved by the Secretary of State for the purchase of about 86 acres of land with certain buildings thereon at a cost of £4,757, at the rate of £55 6s. 0d. per acre. This land had for nearly 40 years past been in the occupation of the Committee on Lease.

We were glad to see in the lavatories hand towels supplied in addition to roller towels; we hope that the practice of washing the hands before meals will be encouraged to the utmost extent. Tooth brushes are only supplied at the patient's expense; the proper care of the teeth is of such importance from the health point of view that we hope that the practice of arranging for the periodical visits of a Dental Surgeon may be adopted here as is now done in several Asylums We made some suggestions to Dr. Fenton and the Matron with a view to increasing the comfort and especially the privacy of the women when using the general bath-room.

We saw the dinner served to-day in several of the Wards, which consisted of boiled beef and potatoes, with no bread, gravy or second vegetables; the potatoes were served unpeeled, and for those Patients who are not allowed knives and forks the peel should be removed before boiling. The Institution is without a Potatoe Peeler. We think that the dietary is sufficient, but should be glad if it can be found possible to vary the monotony of the breakfasts of cake cooked with dripping, and to break the long foodless interval between tea at about 5.30 and breakfast at 7.30 a.m. next morning, so as to conform more with the conditions which nowadays prevail among the poorest of the population.

No covered metal bins for removing dirty linen are supplied to any of the Wards, but we were assured as the result of repeated enquiries in several of the Wards that all linen and garments found to have been soiled are immediately at any rate in the day time taken to the Laundry, where we hope that steeping tanks fitted with a pipe to convey live steam will speedily be provided for purposes of disinfection.

The 43 deaths (22 men and 21 women), were all due to natural causes, which in over 70 per cent. of them were verified by post-mortem examinations, one of them having been the subject of a Coroner's Inquest. To the daily average number resident they represent a proportion of 12·7 per cent—for the Males 11·0 per cent. and 14·0 per cent. for the Females. These proportions are still above the averages in pre-war years of

similar Institutions in the Country, but show a very satisfactory reduction of the figures of the last three years. Heart Disease was the cause of death in 32·0 per cent. of the deaths; Tuberculosis was the cause in 11 cases (6 Males and 5 Females), that is in 25·0 per cent. of the deaths and, while there was no fatal case of Dysentery, one female died from Catarrhal Enteritis.

This diminution in the Tubercular mortality is another satisfactory feature and if as would not be unfair it may be ascribed to the radical steps which have now been taken to segregate cases of Tuberculosis, there is good likelihood of a still further reduction. The number of Patients at present known to be suffering from this disease is 42—15 Males and 27 Females; a few of these were in bed, the females having the advantage of the excellent verandah, where they are treated in bed by night as well as by day. We appreciate the difficulties of making a similar provision for Male Patients needing open-air treatment in bed, but are glad to know that it is under consideration.

We saw 29 Patients (16 men and 13 women) in bed, nearly all of whom were there for physical ailments, and we were glad to notice the systematic way in which details of their illnesses are charted. Poisons are still issued in ordinary medicine bottles, and we would repeat the suggestions of our colleagues that a stock of distinctly shaped and coloured bottles be obtained and used for this purpose.

We discussed at considerable length with Dr. Fenton the question of improving the arrangements for the admission of new cases and for providing better facilities for their study and treatment, separately from cases of long continued insanity. Next to the general health of the Patients, it is a matter of pressing importance, and we are glad to know that it will shortly receive full consideration by Dr. Fenton with the Committee and hope that the difficulties of this matter, inseparable from an Institution nearly seventy years old, will be surmounted.

Apart from Tuberculosis, the only instances of infective disease have been six cases of Dysentery and two of Typhoid Fever among the patients and one case of the latter disease in a member of the Staff.

Casualities of at all a serious nature have been limited to five cases of fractured bones, the circumstances of which do not call for mention.

The weekly maintenance charges are 28/- for home and 29/9 to 30/- for Out-County and Private Patients.

The Nursing Staff, who are now working on a 60 hour basis inclusive of meals with a fortnight's holiday every six months, consists of—

	M.	F.	T.
Charge	7	10	17
Ordinary	36	40	76
Night	8	8	16

We feel sure that Dr. Fenton will use his many years experience of this Institution to maintain the traditional comfort of its Patients and to develop its resources for treatment along modern lines. He has the assistance of one permanent and one temporary colleague.

(Signed) A. H. TREVOR,
(Signed) C. HUBERT BOND,
} COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

[Schedule IV.].

REPORT OF DISTRICT AUDITOR.

34, Britannia Square,
Worcester.
7th March, 1921.

To the Chairman and Members of the Visiting Committee of Worcester County and Worcester City Mental Hospital.

Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1920.

Maintenance Account.

The very unsatisfactory state of the finances relating to the maintenance of Patients in the Institution is well within the knowledge of the Committee. This unfortunate financial position has arisen owing to the fact that the charges for the maintenance of Patients were for a considerable period previous to 1st October, 1919, insufficient to meet the actual cost of maintaining the Patients.

In order that the Committee may clearly understand the extent of the undercharges in this respect I give below particulars of the average weekly cost of maintenance of Patients in the Institution during the two financial years ended respectively 31st March, 1919, and 31st March, 1920, and of the weekly charges made by the Committee for the maintenance of Patients during these years.

Average Weekly Cost of Maintenance.		Weekly Charges for Maintenance.			
Financial Year.	Amount.	Period.	Ordinary Patients.	Service Patients.	Private Patients.
	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Ended 31st March 1919	15 10¼	1st April 1918 to 28 Feb. 1919	15 2	18 11	16 0
		1st March 1919 to 31st Mar. 1919	15 2	18 11	17 6
Ended 31st March 1920	21 4⅛	1st April 1919 to 30th Sept. 1919	16 11	20 8	17 6
		1st Oct. 1919 to 31st Mar. 1920	28 0	31 9	30 0

The consequence of the undercharges for the maintenance was that the Treasurer's Account was overdrawn for a very long period. At 31st March, 1919, the amount of his adverse balance was £1,470 15s. 8d.; at 30th June, 1919, it amounted to £5,107 18s. 11d.; and at 30th September, 1919, to £4,561 7s. 6d.

The constituent authorities to the Committee advanced from time to time between the 17th September, 1919, and 2nd March, 1920, sums amounting to £10,000 in order that the Treasurer's Account might be placed in credit. The action of the authorities named in advancing these sums was in my opinion ultra vires inasmuch as the Committee have no power to borrow money either temporarily or otherwise. The portion (£8,888 17s. 6d.) of the advance of £10,000 made by the Worcester County Council was questioned by me at the Audit of the Accounts of that body and was sanctioned during the course of that Audit by the Ministry of Health under the Local Authorities (Expenses) Act 1887.

The position of the Committee with regard to the Treasurer's Cash Balance at 31st March, 1920, was as follows, viz.:

Amount of Cash advanced by the Constituent Authorities to the Committee	10,000	0	0
Deduct—Cash in hands of the Treasurer	3,274	17	7
Amount of adverse Cash Balance after taking into consideration the amount owing to the Constituent Authorities	£6,725	2	5

I am informed that since 31st March, 1920, the Committee have repaid to the Constituent Authorities sums amounting to £2,500 in respect of the sum of £10,000 advanced by them.

Interest on Overdrawn Cash Balance.

Two sums of £41 8s. 3d. and £136 0s. 0d. were entered and charged in the Treasurer's Book during the year for interest in respect of the overdrawn balances referred to above. These sums were excluded from the Accounts of the Committee in compliance with the following Minute, which was passed by the Committee, 1st March, 1920 :—

> "The question of Interest on the Bank overdraft was discussed and the Clerk to the Asylum was instructed not to include it in the Asylum Accounts."

I adjourned the Audit in order that the Committee might have an opportunity of reconsidering the decision contained in this Minute. At an interview I had with the Clerk to the Visiting Committee on the day of the adjournment of the Audit I pointed out that the decision was, in effect, a refusal by the Committee to pay the charges for interest, and that if the Minute were rescinded the charges could be submitted to the Ministry of Health for sanction under the Local Authorities (Expenses) Act, 1887, and that, if this were obtained, disallowance at the Audit of the charges in the Treasurer's Book would be avoided. The Committee met on the 7th February, 1921, and decided to adhere to the terms of the Minute.

The sums of £41 8s. 3d. and £136 0s. 0d. were disallowed by me in the Treasurer's Book at the close of the Audit on 19th February, 1921, and I have certified them to be due from the Treasurer (Mr. A. Cherry). I understand that the Treasurer intends to appeal to the Ministry of Health against my decision and I have, at his request, entered in his book my reasons for disallowing the sums in question.

In connection with the charges for interest, I should point out that interest, amounting to £12 11s. 0d., has been allowed during the year by Lloyd's Bank Ltd. (Capital and Counties Branch), in respect of a sum of £300 0s. 0d. placed on Deposit at the Worcester Branch of that Bank, and that this sum of £12 11s. 0d. is credited in the Accounts of the Committee, and has not been taken in reduction of the charges for interest excluded from the Accounts and disallowed at the Audit in the Treasurer's Book.

Farm Stock Valuation.

I found, when comparing the Farm Stock Valuation with the Farm Bailiff's Weekly Report Book, that the pigs found at the annual stocktaking by Mr. Leicester at 31st March, 1920, numbered 67, whilst the Weekly Report Book shewed that 78 pigs were in stock at that date.

The Clerk of the Asylum, who at my suggestion caused enquiries to be made with regard to the discrepancy in the figures mentioned above, has received a letter from Mr. Leicester, of which the following is a copy :—

" 15, Foregate Street,
" Worcester.
" 29th October, 1920.

" To the Clerk in Charge,
" Worcester County and City
" Mental Hospital,
" Powick, near Worcester.

" Dear Sir,

" Please note that the stock of Store Pigs on hand at the 31st March, 1920, should have been 78 instead of 67.

"Only 67 were shewn at the annual stocktaking and when this was compared with the Weekly Stock Book, it was disclosed that the number of Store Pigs should have been 78.

"The larger number must have been on the Farm, as that number has been accounted for since, and agreed with the actual stock of Store Pigs at the special counting of these animals.

"The number taken into stock at the *June* stocktaking included the larger item, so that there has been no loss to the Institution. It was only an apparent omission to produce at the stocktaking the whole of the pigs on the Farm.

"The only effect of the omission has been to reduce the profit made on the Farm during the *March* Quarter, and increases it to a corresponding amount in the June Quarter.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "H. LEICESTER."

It seems to me very desirable that the Committee should give instructions that, at all future stocktakings, the Stock Valuation and the Farm Bailiff's Weekly Report Book should be compared immediately after the stocktaking, and that any differences then found to exist between the figures contained in the Valuation and the Book should be at once investigated.

Farm Sales.

I shall be obliged if the Committee will consider the advisability of having a complete record submitted to them at each Meeting of all sales effected on their behalf by the Farm Bailiff. At present he appears to report the sales of Live Stock, but does not report the sale of Fruit and other crops grown on the Farm.

The Accounts of the Clerk of the Hospital appear to be well and carefully kept. This observation also applies to the Stock and Store Books kept by the Steward of the Institution.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. EASTON,

District Auditor.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer & Superintendent.

Mr. Chairman, My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1921. The Statistical Tables are for the year ending December 31st, 1920. The Financial Statement, prepared by the Clerk to the Hospital, is appended.

The changes that have occurred among the Patients were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of Patients in the Hospital on January 1st, 1920	349	471	820
Admitted	88	141	229
Discharged	47	28	75
Died	21	27	48
Remaining in the Hospital on December 31st, 1920 ...	369	557	926

These numbers show an increase of 20 males and 86 females, total 106.

The total number of Patients under treatment during the year was 437 males 612 females, total 1,049.

The average daily number resident during the year was 376 males, 540 females, total 916.

Admissions.—Two hundred and twenty-nine Patients, 88 males and 141 females, were admitted during the year. Of these, 40 males and 58 females, total 98, were Direct Admissions. Forty-eight males and 83 females were transferred from other Hospitals. Thirty-three male and 30 female Patients have been received under Contract with the Visiting

Committee of Littlemore Mental Hospital, Oxford. Of the Direct Admissions 61 per cent. were first attack, 22 per cent. were not first attack, 8 per cent. were congenital, and 9 per cent. were unknown ; a large proportion were senile and infirm, 12 being over 60 years of age, 12 being over 70, whilst 2 were over eighty.

Discharges.—Forty-seven males and 28 females, total 75, have been discharged during the year. Of these, 12 males and 17 females were discharged recovered, giving a recovery rate of 30 per cent. for males and 29·3 per cent. for females, total 29·59 per cent. of total recoveries on Direct Admissions.

Three males and 6 females were discharged relieved.

In September, 30 male " War " Patients were re-transferred to Rubery Hill Mental Hospital. All the male " War " Patients have been removed.

Deaths.—Twenty-one males and 27 females have died during the year, being at the rate of 5·58 per cent. for the males and 5 per cent. for the females, giving a total death-rate of 5·24 per cent. on the daily average number resident ; this is the lowest death-rate in the record of the Institution since 1852.

Post-mortem examinations were held in 40 cases, a percentage of 83·3.

The principal causes of death were as follows :—

	M.	F.	T.
Heart Disease	6	10	16
Phthisis	5	4	9
Senile Decay	4	3	7
Bright's Disease	–	5	5

The number of deaths from Phthisis shows a marked decrease, giving a percentage of 18·75, that for the previous year being 43·51 per cent.

Private Patients.—On January 1st, 1920, there were 30 males and 6 females, total 36, in residence. Seventeen males and 4 females were admitted and include 16 Service Patients. Five males and 3 females were discharged or died, 42 males and 7 females, total 49, remained at the end of the year. Of the 42 males 35 were Service Patients.

The Criminal Patients remained the same throughout the year—2 males.

Accidents.—During the year 9 Patients, 4 males and 5 females, sustained fractures as follows: 1 of the arm, 2 of the forearm, 2 of the hip, 3 of the leg and 1 of the nose. Six were caused by accidental falls and three by violence of other Patients. A male Patient sustained wounds of the scalp inflicted during a homicidal attack by another Patient. A female Patient injured a knee joint through slipping in a ward.

Escapes.—Three males and 2 females escaped. All remained away for the Statutory period of 14 days and were in consequence discharged, except one male Patient who was soon retaken. Both females escaped when in care of relatives, one being "on trial," the other when out for an afternoon with her sister.

Health.—The general health and condition of the Patients have been good, as is evidenced by the low death-rate. Phthisis is less prevalent and accounted for 9 deaths, as against 47 for the previous year.

There were two cases of Dysentery and one of Scarlet Fever, which is at present under treatment.

During the year there have been 25 cases of Typhoid Fever. In May a female Nurse was attacked. In October an outbreak of Typhoid Fever made its appearance, there being 24 cases, 14 males and 10 females; of the males 11 were Patients, one the Superintendent's Clerk, and two were residents in the Attendants' Cottages but not employed at the Hospital. Of the females 9 were Patients and one the

Farm Bailiff's daughter. Two male Patients died. The remainder made good recoveries. All the Patients except the feeble and senile were inoculated with typhoid and paratyphoid "A and B" vaccine; the Staff, with few exceptions, availed themselves of this means of protection against the disease. No further cases have occurred since the beginning of December. Dr. Branthwaite, a Commissioner of the Board of Control, paid a special visit to enquire into the outbreak. Two officials of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Shaw and Mr. Roberts, Civil Engineer, visited the Hospital, the former to investigate the origin of the outbreak and the latter to consider the question of the water supply; their reports have not yet been received.

Staff.—Dr. H. T. Jones was appointed Deputy Superintendent and took up his work on June 11th. He has performed his duties in a praiseworthy manner and has proved himself a very able officer. He leaves on the completion of a year's service having obtained a similar appointment at Berry Wood Mental Hospital, Northampton. I much regret his leaving.

Dr. Marcella Swan, Third Assistant Medical Officer, left in April. Dr. R. L. B. Smith acted as locum tenens from May to August. Dr. J. H. Madill was appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer in August and resigned in October to take a more remunerative post at the Chester County Mental Hospital, Upton. The vacancy has since been temporarily filled by Dr. P. O. Haynes.

Mr. Martin, for over 28 years Chief Male Nurse, resigned in October, after 36 years in your service. Besides being a loyal and zealous Officer he was an enthusiastic musician and spared no effort in promoting the efficiency of the Band and Choir His long and excellent service earned your official thanks. He was granted a pension of £106 12s. 6d. Mr. A. Best, Male Nurse, was appointed to the vacant post; he proves a capable officer and has justified his promotion.

Miss E. Fagan, Superintendent's Clerk, resigned in October to be married. She was succeeded by Mr. Leslie Williams.

Mr. A. Stephens was appointed Junior Assistant Clerk in January.

I much regret to record the deaths of three members of the Staff during the year :—Raymond Sollars, Painter, died in June after a short illness. He had been in your service 27 years. He was a conscientious and valued servant, ever ready to place his musical talents at the disposal of the Institution and did much to promote the interests of the Patients. Your Committee granted his widow a gratuity of £103 12s. 7d. Mrs. M. Slaney, Night Nurse, died from Cancer in December. Alice Smith, Housemaid, died from Phthisis in February. These losses were deeply regretted by all.

W. Vernall, Mason, who had been in your service 28 years was, owing to failing health, granted a pension of £54 9s. 0d. per annum from May 21st. It is with regret I have to record his death which occurred a week later.

E. Long, Pensioner, died during the year.

My best thanks are due to the Heads of the various Departments for the efficient help and loyal co-operation they have rendered me in the management of the Institution. I desire to express my appreciation of the ready assistance accorded me by Mr. W. J. Longden, Clerk to the Hospital.

The conduct of the Staff has been satisfactory. One Male Nurse was dismissed for refusing to obey an order.

Board of Control.—Two Commissioners of the Board of Control visited the Hospital on May 18th. Their Report will be found in Schedule III.

General Matters.—The maintenance rate has remained at 28/- per week throughout the year.

The average cost per head per week for the year ending March 31st, 1921, was 24/11$\frac{3}{8}$.

The Fire Insurance Policies have been revised and the amounts increased.

For a number of years the work of the Clerk to the Hospital, who has hitherto had one Assistant, has been gradually increasing and owing to present day conditions the time which he should necessarily allot to the more important duties of his office has been seriously encroached upon. To relieve this pressure a Junior Assistant Clerk has been appointed.

A new tell-tale recording clock has been completely installed, replacing the one which had been in use for 35 years.

The electric bells in the centre building have been overhauled and re-wired.

The large chimney stack has been repaired and pointed and a new lightning conductor fixed, also one to the old Chapel.

The heating hives for the Laundry have been repaired.

A sewing machine for boot repairing has been purchased. This enables many repairs to be made which without it could not be done and has already effected an economy.

The following Boards of Guardians have visited the Hospital :—Birmingham, Cleobury Mortimer, Dudley, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Worcester. A deputation of the Birmingham Asylums Committee visited their Patients.

The balance in favour of the Farm Account for the year was £181 2s. 7d.

Dr. Braine-Hartnell retired on June 4th. To the vacancy thus created you did me the honour to appoint me. Having worked under Dr. Braine-Hartnell for a considerable number of years I feel I am unable to let this opportunity pass without a personal tribute to his very able and successful administration of the affairs of this Institution ; his devotion to its interests in general and his great consideration for the welfare of the Staff and Patients gained him high respect and esteem. He took with him the best wishes of all.

In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to your Committee for the confidence reposed in me when appointing me your Superintendent. It will be my constant endeavour to promote the efficiency and best interests of your Hospital and thereby merit a continuance of your confidence and support.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. F. FENTON.

6th May, 1921.

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1920,

AND

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

AND

BALANCE SHEET.

1920-21.

TABLE A 1.

General Table, *showing the movement of the Hospital Population during the Year* 1920.

	Certified Patients.					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
On the Hospital Registers, Jan. 1st, 1920	349	471	820			
Total cases admitted during the year	88	141	229			
Total cases under treatment during the year...				437	612	1049
Cases discharged or transferred during the year—						
Recovered	12	17	29			
Relieved	3	6	9			
Not improved	32	5	37			
Not Insane	—	—	—			
Died during the year	21	27	48			
Total cases discharged, transferred, and died during the year				68	55	123
On the Hospital Registers, Dec. 31st, 1920				369	557	926
Average daily number on the Registers during the year ...				376	540	916

	M.	F.	T.
Certified Persons * under care during the year ...	437	611	1048
,, ,, admitted ...	88	140	228
,, ,, recovered ...	12	17	29

**i.e., separate persons in contradistinction to "cases" which may include the same individual more than once.*

Year.	Admissions. Direct.			Admissions. Indirect.			Admissions. Total.			Total Number under Treatment.			Discharged or Transferred. Recovered.			Discharged or Transferred. Relieved.			Discharged or Transferred. Not Improved			Died.			Remaining on Registers 31st December.			Average Daily Number on Registers.			Percentage of Total Recoveries on the Total Number of Admissions.			Percentage of Total Recoveries on the Direct Admissions.			Percentage of Recoveries yielded by Direct Admissions on the Direct Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on Average Daily Number on Registers.		
From Aug. 11th, to Dec. 31st,	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
1852							91	101	192	91	101	192	5	2	7	2	...	2	1	...	1	2	2	4	81	97	178	69	83	152	5·5	1·9	3·7							2·9	2·4	2·6
1853							52	45	97	133	142	275	9	16	25	2	3	5	1	2	3	19	12	31	102	109	211	90	104	194	17·3	35·5	25·7							21·1	11·5	16·0
1854							41	47	88	143	156	299	8	14	22	5	3	8	...	...	...	26	25	51	104	114	218	104	112	216	19·5	29·8	25·0							25·0	22·3	23·6
1855							53	48	101	157	162	319	19	19	38	7	5	12	...	...	...	24	15	39	107	123	230	110	121	231	35·8	39·6	37·6							21·8	12·4	16·9
1856							41	39	80	148	162	310	12	14	26	1	...	1	2	...	2	17	13	30	116	135	251	114	130	244	29·3	35·9	32·5							14·9	10·0	12·3
1857							74	56	130	190	191	381	18	11	29	2	...	2	3	...	3	10	19	29	157	161	318	124	149	273	24·3	19·6	22·3							8·0	12·7	10·6
1858							40	52	92	197	213	410	12	19	31	4	2	6	1	...	1	15	13	28	165	179	344	159	171	330	30·0	36·5	33·7							9·4	7·6	8·5
1859							56	64	120	221	243	464	17	26	43	5	4	9	1	1	2	22	18	40	176	194	370	177	185	362	30·3	40·6	35·8							12·4	9·7	11·0
1860							61	71	132	237	265	502	18	20	38	13	7	20	20	...	20	27	23	50	159	215	374	168	206	374	29·5	28·2	28·8							16·0	11·1	13·3
1861							62	68	130	221	283	504	16	26	42	4	7	11	2	...	2	27	14	41	172	236	408	165	224	389	25·8	38·2	32·3							16·3	6·2	10·5
1862							64	54	118	236	290	526	22	24	46	3	4	7	3	...	3	24	21	45	184	241	425	181	236	417	34·3	44·4	39·0							13·2	8·9	10·8
1863							62	97	159	246	338	584	23	31	54	7	4	11	4	...	4	28	26	54	184	277	461	187	248	435	37·1	32·0	34·0							14·9	10·4	12·4
1864							67	103	170	251	380	631	26	22	48	5	3	8	1	1	2	34	36	70	185	318	503	187	312	499	38·8	21·3	28·2							18·1	11·5	14·0
1865							72	68	140	257	386	643	15	34	49	2	1	3	3	1	4	26	21	47	211	329	540	196	316	512	20·8	50·0	35·0							13·2	6·6	9·1
1866							76	79	155	287	408	695	18	28	46	1	13	14	...	12	12	30	23	53	238	332	570	221	337	558	23·7	35·4	29·6							13·5	6·8	9·5
1867							79	80	159	317	412	729	25	25	50	9	7	16	3	1	4	36	28	64	244	351	595	242	345	587	31·6	31·2	31·4							14·8	8·1	10·9
1868							87	69	156	331	420	751	21	28	49	2	5	7	3	6	9	44	27	71	261	354	615	254	349	603	24·1	40·6	31·4							17·3	7·6	11·7
1869							82	74	156	343	428	771	20	30	50	1	5	6	4	...	4	39	28	67	279	365	644	268	359	627	24·4	40·5	32·0							14·5	7·8	10·7
1870							62	112	174	341	477	818	23	33	56	3	15	18	3	18	21	47	32	79	265	379	644	275	366	641	37·1	29·4	32·2							17·0	8·7	12·3
1871							107	68	175	372	447	819	30	49	79	11	13	24	2	8	10	39	42	81	290	335	625	283	347	630	28·0	72·0	45·1							13·7	12·1	12·8
1872							79	95	174	369	430	799	31	36	67	4	2	6	3	2	5	35	26	61	296	364	660	296	349	645	39·2	37·9	38·5							11·8	7·4	9·4
1873							85	72	157	381	436	817	24	28	52	2	5	7	8	24	32	34	23	57	313	356	669	318	365	683	28·2	38·8	33·1							10·7	6·3	8·3
1874							106	74	180	419	430	849	25	27	52	6	5	11	2	...	2	34	21	55	352	377	729	331	366	697	23·6	36·5	28·9							10·2	5·7	7·9
1875							78	82	160	430	459	889	23	31	54	1	7	8	14	...	14	43	29	72	349	392	741	347	381	728	29·5	37·8	33·8							12·4	7·6	9·9
1876							90	85	175	439	477	916	27	39	66	14	4	18	...	...	...	54	33	87	344	401	745	351	388	739	30·0	45·9	37·7							15·4	8·5	11·8
1877							98	82	180	442	483	925	23	43	66	5	9	14	...	...	...	59	20	79	355	411	766	350	405	755	23·4	52·4	36·6							16·8	4·9	10·4
1878							72	70	142	427	481	908	22	35	57	21	7	28	24	...	24	51	17	68	309	422	731	351	416	767	30·5	50·0	40·1							14·5	4·0	8·8
1879							98	83	181	407	505	912	27	37	64	6	7	13	2	1	3	32	28	60	340	432	772	323	424	747	28·7	46·2	36·7							9·9	6·6	8·0
1880							80	83	163	420	515	935	23	43	66	5	5	10	2	...	2	43	48	91	347	419	766	343	423	766	30·6	53·1	42·3							12·5	11·3	11·8
1881							81	83	164	428	502	930	18	44	62	3	3	6	4	...	4	45	31	76	358	424	782	346	426	772	23·4	55·7	39·7							13·0	7·3	9·8
1882							80	77	157	438	501	939	21	29	50	11	5	16	27	6	33	40	28	68	339	433	772	345	427	772	26·9	40·8	33·5							11·5	6·5	8·8
1883							80	86	166	419	519	938	21	26	47	2	12	14	10	22	32	42	34	76	344	425	769	340	431	771	27·2	30·5	29·0							12·3	7·8	9·8
1884							85	87	172	429	512	941	33	34	67	4	3	7	4	5	9	45	25	70	343	445	788	347	432	779	40·2	40·9	40·6							12·9	5·7	8·9
1885							82	103	185	425	548	973	10	36	46	6	1	7	3	4	7	50	42	92	356	465	821	344	450	794	19·6	49·9	37·3							14·5	9·3	11·5
1886							101	90	191	457	555	1012	28	21	49	2	1	3	2	...	2	61	56	117	364	477	841	372	481	853	40·5	35·5	38·2							16·3	11·6	13·7
1887							83	83	166	447	560	1007	23	31	54	1	1	2	4	2	6	41	27	68	378	499	877	377	492	869	29·8	38·7	34·3							10·8	5·4	7·8
1888							81	82	163	459	581	1040	21	42	63	4	7	11	27	32	59	34	34	68	373	466	839	384	498	882	30·0	53·8	42·5							8·8	6·8	7·7
1889							113	86	199	486	552	1038	26	27	53	3	4	7	7	5	12	43	26	69	407	490	897	394	482	876	25·0	34·6	29·1							10·9	5·3	7·8
1890							99	102	201	506	592	1098	24	44	68	4	7	11	31	4	35	45	27	72	402	510	912	403	500	903	26·0	46·3	36·3							11·1	5·4	7·9
1891							78	108	186	480	618	1098	32	41	73	11	6	17	32	1	33	41	16	57	364	554	918	383	536	919	43·8	40·5	41.9							10·7	2·9	6·2
1892							124	82	206	488	636	1124	23	33	56	13	7	20	24	48	72	46	29	75	382	519	901	369	513	882	25·2	40·7	32·5							12·4	5·6	8·5
1893							134	112	246	516	631	1147	27	37	64	2	2	4	3	1	4	41	31	72	443	560	1003	411	544	955	36·5	46·2	41·5							9·9	5·7	7·5
1894							92	97	189	535	657	1192	27	42	69	3	6	9	...	1	1	51	45	96	454	563	1017	444	561	1005	31·7	45·1	38·7							11·4	8·0	9·5
1895							99	102	201	553	665	1218	32	32	64	2	5	7	32	1	33	38	38	76	449	589	1038	453	573	1026	34·4	33·6	34·0							8·3	6·6	7·4
1896							94	121	215	543	710	1253	35	39	74	7	3	10	2	30	32	45	49	94	454	589	1043	451	589	1040	38·4	34·5	36·2							9·9	8·3	9·0
1897							105	104	209	559	693	1252	23	40	63	6	4	10	4	1	5	44	31	75	482	617	1099	470	601	1071	23·7	40·8	32·3							9·3	5·1	7·0
1898							98	108	206	580	725	1305	25	32	57	2	3	5	2	5	7	50	56	106	501	629	1130	479	617	1096	27·4	31·6	29·6							10·4	9·0	9·6
1899							105	120	225	606	749	1355	37	50	87	3	8	11	10	10	20	46	45	91	510	636	1146	500	637	1137	37·1	43·4	40·5							9·2	7·0	8·0
1900							129	118	247	639	754	1393	42	37	79	7	1	8	5	4	9	57	71	128	528	641	1169	516	628	1144	32·0	33·6	32·7							11·0	11·3	11·1
1901							113	133	246	641	774	1415	48	49	97	5	8	13	8	9	17	55	53	108	525	655	1180	527	647	1174	47·0	40·1	43·3							10·4	8·1	9·1
1902							114	152	266	639	807	1446	39	57	96	9	6	15	9	52	61	65	51	116	517	641	1158	524	665	1189	36·7	41·6	39·5							12·4	7·6	9·7
1903							99	122	221	616	763	1379	39	65	104	5	4	9	3	6	9	39	55	94	530	633	1163	527	636	1163	41·7	57·5	50·4							7·4	8·6	8·0
1904							117	135	252	647	768	1415	48	54	102	1	2	3	9	7	16	53	48	101	536	657	1193	532	644	1176	42·3	47·3	44·8							9·9	7·4	8·5
1905							123	146	269	659	803	1462	49	68	117	6	9	15	32	18	50	32	49	81	540	659	1199	538	659	1197	44·1	49·2	46·9							5·9	7·4	6·7
1906							125	133	258	665	792	1457	49	65	114	5	2	7	26	14	40	51	46	97	534	665	1199	542	660	1202	41·8	52·8	47·5							9·4	6·9	8·0
1907	75	80	155	56	47	103	131	127	258	665	792	1457	37	33	70	7	10	17	108	113	221	50	75	125	463	561	1024	498	598	1096	28·2	25·2	26·7	49·3	40·0	44·5	44·0	37·5	40·6	0·0	12·5	11·4
1908	26	44	70	7	6	13	33	50	83	496	611	1107	20	30	50	5	5	10	16	8	24	35	34	69	420	534	954	435	544	979	60·6	60·0	60·2	76·9	68·1	71·4	65·3	61·3	62·8	8·0	6·2	7·0
1909	50	44	94	11	4	15	61	48	109	481	582	1063	14	20	34	1	3	4	4	11	15	37	40	77	425	508	933	423	512	935	23·0	41·7	30·3	26·0	45·4	35·1	24·0	43·2	33·0	8·7	7·8	8·2
1910	59	92	151	21	17	38	80	109	189	505	617	1122	15	25	40	1	9	10	9	8	17	34	29	63	446	546	992	438	519	957	18·8	23·0	21·2	25·4	27·2	26·5	25·4	26·1	25·8	7·7	5·6	6·6
1911	77	86	163	53	51	104	130	137	267	576	683	1259	29	46	75	4	8	12	63	68	131	46	27	73	434	534	968	479	577	1056	22·3	33·6	28·1	37·7	53·5	46·0	31·2	48·8	40·5	10·6	4·7	7·0
1912	63	63	126	75	47	122	138	110	248	572	644	1216	16	15	31	3	1	4	5	5	10	54	38	92	494	585	1079	466	566	1032	11·6	13.6	12·5	25·4	24·2	24·8	25·4	22·2	23·8	11·6	6·7	8.9
1913	55	66	121	16	5	21	71	71	142	565	656	1221	22	17	39	1	5	6	16	5	21	51	35	86	475	594	1069	482	587	1069	31·0	23·9	27·5	40·0	25·8	32.2	32·7	25·7	29·0	10.6	6·0	8·0
1914	61	72	133	34	8	42	95	80	175	570	674	1244	15	12	27	1	2	3	5	2	7	37	44	81	512	614	1126	490	592	1082	15·8	15·0	15·4	24·5	16·6	20·3	19·7	16·7	18·0	7·5	7·4	7·4
1915	67	77	144	130	131	261	197	208	405	709	822	1531	26	33	59	1	5	6	9	9	18	59	40	99	614	735	1349	572	690	1262	13·2	15·8	14·5	38·8	42·8	40·9	34·3	36·3	35.4	10·3	5·8	7·9
1916	60	59	119	13	12	25	73	71	144	687	806	1493	19	20	39	1	1	2	2	3	5	77	71	148	588	711	1299	596	727	1323	24·7	28·1	26·4	30·0	33·8	31·9	30·0	30·5	30·2	12·9	9·7	11·2
1917	44	56	100	10	7	17	54	63	117	642	774	1416	15	27	42	2	3	5	2	3	5	156	121	277	467	620	1087	548	674	1222	27·7	42·8	35·8	34·1	48·2	42·0	31·8	46·4	40·0	28·5	18·0	22·7
1918	41	59	100	33	22	55	74	81	155	541	701	1242	12	18	30	...	2	2	2	5	7	160	158	318	367	518	885	409	567	976	16·2	19·7	18·0	29·2	27·1	28·0	29·2	27·1	28·0	39·1	27·8	32·5
1919	46	58	104	12	8	20	58	66	124	425	584	1009	13	24	37	...	6	6	23	15	38	40	68	108	349	471	820	363	485	848	20·7	36·3	29·0	26·1	41·4	34·6	23·5	41·4	33·6	11·0	14·0	12·7
1920	40	58	98	48	83	131	88	141	229	437	612	1049	12	17	29	3	6	9	32	5	37	21	27	48	369	557	926	376	540	916	13·7	12·0	12·6	30·0	29·3	29·6	25·0	27·6	26·5	5·6	5·0	5·2
Totals or Average	764	914	1678	519	448	967	6032	6255	12287	...	...	...	1647	2202	3849	310	338	648	728	625	1353	2968	2533	5501	...	...	...	355	445	800	28·8	37·4	29·3	...	...	...	...	...	...	12·5	8·4	10·2

TABLE A 3.

Showing the Admissions and Recoveries of Persons from 11th August, 1852, to the present date, 31st December, 1920.*

(68·39 *years*).

History of Recoveries of Persons.				The same only omitting all Persons transferred from other Institutions. ¶		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Persons admitted during the 68·39 years	5158	5166	10324	...	...	...
Of whom were discharged recovered during the same period, being 30·1 per cent. of *Persons* admitted	1354	1754	3108	...	...	...
Of whom were re-admitted relapsed †	342	481	823	...	...	...
Leaving recovered *Persons* who have not relapsed.....	1012	1273	2285	...	...	...
Relapsed *Persons* discharged recovered ‡	142	189	331	..	.	..
Net ‖ recovered *Persons* being 25·3 per cent. of persons admitted.....	1154	1462	2616	...	...	...

* Persons, *i.e.*, separate persons in contradistinction to *Cases* which may include the same individual more than once.

Re-admission applies only to re-admission into this Hospital.

† *i.e.*, Persons who have relapsed one or more times.

‡ *i.e.*, After last re-admission, if relapsed more than once.

‖ *i.e.*, Recovered persons sane at the present time so far as the Hospital statistics show.

¶ This information is not given owing to the impossibility of supplying it with accuracy.

TABLE C 1.

An Analysis of the Discharges and Transfers during the year 1920. *(Voluntary Boarders excluded).*

	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
DISCHARGED AS RECOVERED.									
From Direct Admissions—									
First-Attack Cases	8	13	21		...			...	
Not First-Attack Cases	2	3	5		...			...	
Cases unknown whether First-Attack or not		...			...			...	
Total from Direct Admissions		...		10	16	26		...	
From Transfers—									
First-Attack Cases		...			...			...	
Not First-Attack Cases	2	1	3		...			...	
Cases unknown whether First-Attack or not		...			...			...	
Total from Transfers		...		2	1	3		...	
Total Discharged as Recovered		...		12	17	29		...	
				Relieved.			Not Improved.		
DISCHARGED (NOT RECOVERED) AS—									
Relieved	3	5	8	3	5	8		...	
Not Improved	...	1	1		...		...	1	1
Total	3	6	9		...			...	
Reasons for such Discharge—									
To go to care of friends	1	5	6		...			...	
,, Workhouse		...			...			...	
,, Metropolitan Asylum (Eng.)		...			...			...	
,, Military Hospital		...			...			...	
To be boarded out		...			...			...	
Statutory, by irregularity in Reception Order		...			...			...	
Statutory, by lapsing of Reception Order		...			...			...	
Escape	2	1	3		...			...	
Total	3	6	9		...			...	
TRANSFERRED AS—									
Relieved	...	1	1	...	1	1		...	
Not Improved	32	4	36		...		32	4	36
Total	32	5	37		...			...	
Destinations of such Transfers—									
To other Asylums, Registered Hospitals, and Licensed Houses ...	32	5	37		...			...	
To " Single Care "		...			...			...	
Other Destination (specifying such)		...			...			...	
Total	32	5	37		...			...	
TOTAL DISCHARGED AND TRANSFERRED AS—									
Relieved				3	6	9		...	
Not Improved					...		32	5	37

TABLE D 1.

Showing all the Causes of Death that entered into the Deaths during the year 1920, *arranged as* PRINCIPAL, CONTRIBUTORY, *and the Totals of these; also the number of occasions each principal Cause of Death was verified by Post-mortem Examination. (Voluntary Boarders excluded).*

Names of Causes of Death.	Instances when returned as PRINCIPAL.			No. Verified P.M.	Instances when returned as CONTRIBUTORY.			Total Incidence.		
	M.	F.	T.		M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
I. GENERAL DISEASES.										
Enteric Fever	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	2
Tuberculosis of Lung (Phthisis not acute) ...	5	4	9	7	...	...	...	5	4	9
,, of Peritoneum etc. (including Tabes mesenterica and intestinal tubercle)	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
,, of Joints (white swelling)	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1
Cancer of Stomach, Liver, &c. ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
II. DISEASES OF NERVOUS SYSTEM AND OF ORGANS OF SPECIAL SENSE.										
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
General Paralysis of the Insane ...	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	1	2
Melancholia (exhaustion from) ...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
III. DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.										
Valvular Disease of Heart ...	4	8	12	12	1	...	1	5	8	13
Fatty Degeneration of Heart ...	2	2	4	4	...	...	...	2	2	4
IV. DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.										
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1
Lobar Pneumonia	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	2	2
Gangrene of Lung	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
V. DISEASES OF DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.										
Simple Enteritis (and Diarrhœa)...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
VI. DISEASES OF GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM.										
Bright's Disease	...	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	5	5
VII. OLD AGE.										
Senility	4	3	7	4	...	...	...	4	3	7
TOTAL ...	21	27	48	40						

MAINTENANCE

Income and Expenditure Account

EXPENDITURE.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages (not including items in Farm and Garden Account), viz. :—			
Salaries—Gross	4,505 6 1		
Deductions —	117 6 0		
		4,388 0 1	
Wages —Gross	20,211 7 6		
Deductions —	4,621 17 8		
		15,589 9 10	
			19,977 9 11
Provisions :—			
Purchased		23,200 5 6	
Less Supplies from Farm and Garden		13,500 14 3	
			9,699 11 3
Farm and Garden (see Page 42)		14,775 9 10	
Add difference in Stock for year		70 3 0	
			14,845 12 10
Wines and Spirits		... ...	46 7 6
Clothing :—			
For Patients		1,703 19 11	
For Staff		902 12 5	
			2,606 12 4
Necessaries (including Fuel, Lighting and Washing)		... ...	8,458 3 5
Surgery and Dispensary		... ...	559 3 4
Furniture and Bedding		... .	1,445 14 0
Funeral and Removal Expenses and Allowances ...		... ...	284 17 9
Transfers to the Building and Repairs Fund Account, namely :—			
(a) Excess of Weekly Charge on Out-County Patients		208 0 2	
(b) ,, Private ,, ...		180 10 10	
(c) ,, Criminal ,, ...		2 11 6	
			391 2 6
Advertising, Printing, Postages, &c.		457 10 2	
Amusements and Music		77 9 7	
Carriage of Goods, &c.		38 16 8	
Books and Periodicals		93 12 2	
Rates and Taxes		2,617 12 7	
Pensions		1,224 13 3	
Sundries		485 16 5	
			4,995 10 10
Total Expenditure		... ...	63,310 5 8
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, carried to Balance Sheet		... ...	7,804 12 11
			71,114 18 7

ACCOUNT.

For the year ended 31st March, 1921.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kitchen Sales	238 14 2	
Sundry Sales	275 9 10	
Farm and Garden Sales	1,767 7 2	
		2,281 11 2
Worcestershire Unions	49,961 16 0	
Out-County Unions	51 10 0	
County of Worcester	73 0 0	
Treasurers of other Hospitals	14,090 12 3	
Private Patients	1,100 10 11	
Criminal Patients	156 8 6	
Service Patients	2,624 3 2	
		68,058 0 10
Funeral and Removal Expenses and Allowances :—		
County and City Unions	45 15 0	
Out-County Unions	1 1 11	
Treasurers of other Hospitals	122 5 6	
Ministry of Pensions	158 9 6	
		327 11 11
Fines	25 0 1	
Accident Compensation	16 16 10	
Allotment Rents	3 3 0	
Interest on Deposit Account	13 12 2	
War Wages Suspense Account	300 0 0	
Funeral Expenses paid by Friends	3 0 0	
		361 12 1
Rent of Farm Cottages and Land	14 7 7	
Bags, returned empty	71 15 0	
		86 2 7
Total Income	... ...	71,114 18 7
		71,114 18 7

BUILDING AND

Income and Expenditure Account

EXPENDITURE.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d
ORDINARY REPAIRS :—			
Iron and Castings		106 6 6	
Ironmongery		77 4 5	
Cocks, Valves, etc....		59 9 6	
Paints and Oils		153 18 5	
Tools and Brushes...		34 6 8	
Building Materials...		56 17 0	
Bricks and Tiles		7 7 6	
Wallpaper		27 3 3	
Glass and Lead		14 14 9	
Carriage of Goods		3 7 10	
Road Stone		51 1 6	
Filter Sand		24 3 3	
Timber and Floor Boards... ...		127 17 4	
Spouting		6 0 0	
Leather Belting		10 18 2	
Washing Machine Tub		60 0 0	
W.C. Fittings		26 9 5	
Gas Engine Fittings		9 5 0	
Exhauster Fittings		29 10 0	
Electric Bell & Telephone Fittings		10 4 8	
Cheque Book		1 17 0	
Repairs, Gas Retorts		35 16 8	
,, Laundry Hives		92 12 10	
,, Chimney Stack & Lightning Conductors ...		69 10 0	
,, Cooking Pan		49 18 9	
Pegging Clock Installation & Wiring		384 1 6	
Wages, Artizans'—			
Gross ...	999 7 5		
Contributions...	27 19 9	971 7 8	
			2,501 9 7
ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS		... ...	... ...
OTHER EXPENDITURE :—			
Pensions		331 5 0	
Fire Insurance		101 5 11	
Taxes		88 1 1	
			520 12 0
Total Expenditure		... ...	3,022 1 7
Income in excess of Expenditure for the year, carried to Balance Sheet ...		... ...	... ...
			3,022 1 7

REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.

for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income from the Contributory County and Borough, viz. :—		
County Council	2,195 2 11	
City Council	274 7 10	
		2,469 10 9
Other Income :—		
Cottage Rents	119 9 10	
Sundry Sales	41 18 6	
		161 8 4
Transfers from the Maintenance Account, viz.:—		
(*a*) Excess of Weekly Charge on Out-County Patients...	208 0 2	
(*b*) ,, Private ,, ...	180 10 10	
(*c*) ,, Criminal ,, ...	2 11 6	
		391 2 6
Total Income	... ...	3,022 1 7
		3,022 1 7

FARM AND GARDEN

Income and Expenditure Account

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Labour :—		
Gross Salaries and Wages	2,806 2 4	
Deductions	152 11 2	
		2,653 11 2
Provender :—		
Bran and Sharps	547 19 6	
Cake, Cottonseed and Feeding	967 1 7	
Grains	17 3 8	
Maize and Germ Meal	145 0 0	
		1,677 4 9
Seeds and Manures :—		
Seeds	609 3 6	
Manures	551 0 2	
		1,160 3 8
Stock, Live and Dead :—		
Cattle	6,023 5 0	
Sheep	741 0 0	
Pigs	17 11 9	
Horses	111 0 0	
Poultry	1 11 6	
Market Dray	65 10 0	
Milking Coats	12 8 0	
Implements and Repairs	537 16 9	
Harness and Repairs	55 5 4	
		7,565 8 4
Rates and Taxes :—		
Poor and District	295 18 0	
Imperial	133 7 0	
Tithes	97 19 4	
Licences	2 6 0	
National Health Insurance Stamps	6 8 5	
		535 18 9
Rent	... ...	504 2 0
Sundries :—		
Blacksmith	84 8 8	
Fire and Boiler Insurance	23 5 11	
Veterinary Surgeon and Medicine	66 5 10	
Coal	104 16 9	
Paraffin, Oil and Petrol	129 16 4	
Binder Twine	54 0 0	
Horse Fees	27 0 0	
Carriage of Goods	55 3 4	
Miscellaneous	134 4 4	
		679 1 2
Total Expenditure	... ...	14,775 9 10
Value of Stock—1st April, 1920	7,377 2 11	
Less Value 31st March, 1921	7,306 19 11	
		70 3 0
Balance carried down	... ...	508 11 2
		15,354 4 0
Proportion of Pensions—Farm Account	... ...	107 18 7
Estimated Rent of Freehold	... ...	305 0 0
Estimated Value of Wash from Hospital	... ...	30 0 0
Balance in favour of Farm and Garden	... ...	181 2 7
		624 1 2

ACREAGE OF LAND.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Freehold	181	2	28			
Of which Sites of Buildings, Airing Courts, etc.....	16	0	25			
				165	2	3
Rented	377	3	39			
Of which Sub-let	0	3	4			
				377	0	35
Net acreage under cultivation by Hospital				542	2	38

CCOUNT.

r the year ended 31st March, 1921.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sales :—		
169⅞ gallons New Milk...	16 8 0	
90½ lbs. Butter	15 10 3	
9⅞ pints Cream	0 17 1	
59 dozen Eggs	11 6 4	
13 Fowls	4 15 9	
36 Calves	161 19 0	
5 Horses	286 0 0	
29 Lambs	167 5 4	
1 Pig	8 0 0	
20¾ quarters Oats	62 5 0	
459¾ cwts. Potatoes	302 6 6	
339 bushels Wheat	181 13 0	
270 lbs. Wool	54 0 0	
Hides, Skins and Fat	431 7 5	
Bull and Boar Service	22 11 6	
Corn Cutting and Sundries	41 2 0	
		1,767 7 2
Produce supplied to Hospital :—		
11,160⅜ gallons New Milk	1,112 12 11	
13,788⅛ gallons Separated Milk	582 18 11	
158¾ pints Cream	13 9 10	
4,088½ lbs. Butter	685 4 10	
133 Fowls	39 6 1	
719⅔ dozen Eggs	122 10 1	
87,444 lbs. Beef	5,860 4 8	
5,921 lbs. Mutton	489 13 0	
18,884 lbs. Pork	1,615 19 6	
10,633 lbs. Bacon, green...	944 1 5	
29 Rabbits	1 9 0	
Vegetables and Fruit	2,033 4 0	
		13,500 14 3
Rent of Farm Cottages and Land	14 7 7	
Bags, returned empty	71 15 0	
		86 2 7
Total Income	... ...	15,354 4 0
		15,354 4 0
Balance brought down	... ...	508 11 2
Hauling for Hospital	... ...	115 10 0
		624 1 2

The supplies to the Hospital are charged at the current wholesale Birmingham market prices.

No charge is made for Patients' labour, or for that of the Male Nurses supervising it.

BALANCE SHEET,

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.		
Loans from County and City Councils	... ...	6,249 19 11
Amounts due to—		
Tradesmen for Goods supplied...	4,169 3 6	
Salaries and Wages	1,350 12 1	
Building and Repairs Fund Account, Excess Charge	316 5 10	
Pensions	250 14 9	
		6,086 16 2
Income and Expenditure Account—		
Balance 1st April, 1920	17,263 8 4	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 31st March, 1921	7,804 12 11	
		25,068 1 3
		37,404 17 4
BUILDING AND REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.		
Amounts due to—		
Tradesmen for Goods supplied...	193 11 9	
Pensions	60 1 6	
		253 13 3
Income and Expenditure Account—		
Balance 1st April, 1920	1,279 10 10	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 31st March, 1921	... ...	
		1,279 10 10
	... ...	38,938 1 5

H. LEICESTER,
AUDITOR,
29TH APRIL, 1921

31ST MARCH, 1921.

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.		
Cash in hands of Treasurer	4,273 7 9	
Clerk of Hospital	29 11 8	
		4,302 19 5
Amounts due for Goods sold, Farm Rents, etc.	.. ..	149 10 4
Income due—		
Worcestershire Unions	12,433 16 0	
Out-County Unions	... ...	
County of Worcester	18 0 0	
Treasurers of other Hospitals	3,804 17 6	
Private Patients	93 4 5	
Criminal Patients	38 11 6	
Service Patients	809 18 3	
		17,198 7 8
Value of Stock in hand	... ...	15,753 19 11
		37,404 17 4
BUILDING AND REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.		
Cash in hands of Treasurer	921 16 1	
Clerk of Hospital	66 12 10	
		988 8 11
Amounts due from—		
County and City Councils (Lunacy Act, 1890, s.266)	216 18 1	
Cottage Tenants	10 0 0	
Sales	1 11 3	
Maintenance Account, Excess Charge ...	316 5 10	
		544 15 2
	... ...	38,938 1 5

WALTER J. LONGDEN,
CLERK OF THE HOSPITAL.

Statement showing the Average Weekly Cost per Patient on the Net Expenditure during the year ending 31st March, 1921.

Items of Expenditure.	Average. 1920-21. s	d.	1919-20. s.	d.
Provisions	4	0½	4	1
Farm and Garden	6	2⅛	4	7½
Clothing	1	1		11½
Salaries and Wages	8	3⅞	7	8⅝
Pensions		6⅛		2⅝
Necessaries	3	6¼	3	1⅛
Surgery and Dispensary		2¾		2½
Wines and Spirits		¼		⅛
Furniture and Bedding		7¼		7¾
Miscellaneous	1	6⅞	1	1⅛
	26	1	22	7⅞
Less received for Goods and Produce Sold...	1	1⅝	1	3¾
Average Weekly Cost per head ...	24	11⅜	21	4⅛
Aggregate number of days of Patients resident in the Hospital	336,190		313,191	

Statement of Average Weekly Cost and Maintenance Charges for each Quarter during the Year ending 31st March, 1921.

Quarter ending	Number of Patients.	Average Cost per head per week.	Weekly Charge. County.	Out-County. Contract.	Out-County. Not Contract.	Private.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1920.						
June 30 ...	924	25 0⅜	28 0	29 9	30 0	30 0
Sept. 30 ...	903	21 1¾	28 0	29 9	30 0	30 0
Dec. 31 ...	926	26 11⅝	28 0	29 9 and 30 11	30 0	30 0
1921.						
March 31 ...	977	26 7⅜	28 0	29 9 and 30 11	30 0	30 0

Statement of Accommodation and Chargeability of Patients, and Numbers of Nursing Staff on 31st March 1921.

I. Patients.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Accommodation (Normal)	529	622	1,151
Deduction for Tuberculosis Wards	47	33	80
	482	589	1,071
Total number of Patients on 31st March 1921...	406	571	977
Vacant Accommodation...	76	18	94
Chargeability of Patients.			
From County Unions	167	288	455
Worcester City	60	87	147
Dudley County Borough	41	59	100
Patients received under Contract :—			
Montgomery...	24	17	*41
Birmingham	36	43	79
Oxford	33	30	63
Birmingham War Accommodation Patients ...	–	39	39
Service Patients	37	–	37
Private Patients	6	8	14
Criminal Patients	2	–	2
Out-County Unions (if any)	–	–	–
	406	571	977
II. Staff.			
Male and Female Nursing Staff...	54	54	108
Number of Patients to Total Staff	7.5	10.6	9.0
Male and Female Nurses { Day Staff ...	46	44	90
Male and Female Nurses { Night Staff ...	8	10	18

*The Montgomery Patients were, on the determination of the Contract, removed to Talgarth Mental Hospital, on 1st April, 1921.

Prices for the principal Articles of Consumption for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

Articles.	Midsummer Quarter, 1920.		Michaelmas Quarter, 1920.		Christmas Quarter, 1920.		Lady-day Quarter, 1921.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Beans, Haricot, per cwt.	...		21	0	...		...	
Bath Bricks, per hundred	21	0	...		...		...	
Black Lead, per gross	25	9	...		28	0	31	3
Blacking, per gross	9	0	...		9	0	9	0
Blue, per lb.	0	11½	0	11½	0	11½	0	11¼
Candles, Wax, per doz. lbs.	...		...		12	0	...	
Cheese, per lb.	1	5½	1	5½	1	5½	1	5½
Chicory, per cwt.	112	0	126	0	116	8	115	0
Cocoa, per cwt.	...		178	0	147	0	112	0
Cornflour, per lb.	0	9	...		0	6¼	0	10½
Coal (Hard, Cobbles), per ton	36	1	50	3	54	4	54	4
,, (Gas), per ton	38	8	52	10	56	11	56	11
,, (Welsh Steam), per ton	41	10	56	0	60	1	60	1
Coffee, Roasted, per cwt.	214	8	...		164	0	148	0
Dried Fruit, per cwt.	92	6	60	8	82	0	38	0
Flour, per 224 lbs. (average)	51	5	53	11	66	1½	58	10½
Lemonade Crystals, per lb.	3	0	3	0	...		...	
Margarine, per cwt.	130	0	106	0	114	0	105	0
Matches, per gross	9	6	9	5	9	10	...	
Mustard, per lb.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Oatmeal, per lb.	0	4	0	4	0	5	0	4½
Old Radnor Lime, per ton	42	0	47	6	47	6	...	
Peas, Split, per cwt.	39	0	41	6	39	6	...	
Pepper, per lb.	1	1½	0	10½	0	9	0	7
Polish, Metal, per doz.	4	3	4	6	4	6	...	
Polish, Boot, per doz.	4	6	5	0	5	0	...	
Rice, per cwt.	54	0	55	0	48	6	30	9
Salt, per ton	74	6	...		...		83	2
Snuff, per lb.	10	0	9	0	9	0	9	0
Soap (Soft), per cwt.	58	0	...		46	0	...	
,, (Hard), per cwt.	72	5	...		68	3	...	
Soda, per cwt.	6	6	6	6	8	6	8	0
Sauce, per doz. pints	22	0	...		21	0	...	
Sago, per lb.	0	5¼	0	4¾	0	4½	...	
Starch, per cwt.	80	0	118	0	94	0	...	
Sugar, per cwt. (average)	91	9	117	7	82	1	53	5
Spice, Cake, per lb.	0	11	1	0	0	9½	0	10
Tea, per lb.	2	4½	2	0	1	10	1	7
Tapioca, per lb.	0	5½	0	2⅞	...		...	
Tobacco, per lb.	9	6	9	6	9	6	9	6
Vinegar, per gallon	2	4	2	6	2	4	2	2
Wax, per cwt.	...		96	0	90	0	...	
Yeast, per 7 lbs.	7	7	7	7	8	5½	8	6

Principal Items of Provisions Account issued during the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

Meat, Fresh	110,557	lbs.
„ Preserved	9,702	„
Bacon	7,792	„
„ American	17,073	„
Beans, Haricot	568	„
Bread	359,536	„
Butter	16,608	„
Cheese	14,023	„
Chicory	953	„
Coffee	2,248	„
Cocoa	590	„
Eggs	7,661	
Flour	271,580	lbs.
Fruit, Dried	10,305	„
Jam	392	„
Lard	654	„
Milk, Condensed	129	cases.
Mustard	312	lbs.
Oatmeal	109	„
Peas, Split	6,346	„
Pepper	225	„
Rice, Sago and Tapioca	12,255	„
Salt	96	cwts.
Spice, Cake	109	lbs.
Sugar	29,627	„
Tea	3,885	„
Vinegar	225	gals.
Yeast	1,673	lbs.

Principal Items of Necessaries and Miscellaneous Account issued during the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

Bath Bricks	482	
Blacking	1,919	cakes
Blacklead	1,646	tins
Blue	321	lbs.
Candles	150	„
Flannel, House	4,365	yds.
Matches	3,015	boxes.
Paper, Sanitary	1,715	packets.
Polish, Metal	737	tins.
Soap, Powder	11,648	lbs.
„ Hard	8,848	„
„ Disinfecting	1,333	„
„ Brookes'	99	„
„ Soft	2,596	„
„ Windsor	656	tablets.
Soda	17,169	lbs.
Starch	157	„
Snuff	19	„
Tapers	54	„
Tobacco	824	„
Turpentine Substitute	554	gals.
Wax	672	lbs.
Coal, House	488	tons.
„ Gas	557	„
„ Steam	1,448	„